

**Remarks**

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Divisional application of U.S. Application No. 09/209,060, filed December 9, 1998.

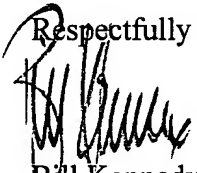
Original claims 1 - 22 are canceled herein, claims 24 - 38 are amended, and claims 39 - 46 are newly added. The specification is amended to recite related application data, and to correct obvious errors of a typographical or editorial nature. No new matter is introduced by any of the amendments, and entry thereof is requested.

Claims 23 - 46 are in the application.

All the claims now in the application are believed to be in condition for allowance, and action to that effect is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner determines that a conference would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' representative, undersigned, at the telephone number set out below.

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